



Hunter Mill Highlights

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monthly newsletter.

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The existence of homeless people in our society is still evident today. Everywhere you look around our cities, parks and streets it is likely that you will witness a homeless person struggling to survive.

Each year Fairfax County joins the Washington region on the Annual Remuneration of the Homeless in our community. In January, each jurisdiction goes out into the streets and woods to count the number of people sleeping in the cold. The goal is to see how much progress made in our work to house those in need of shelter. While we know we may not bring every one of those identified as homeless into permanent sheltering, we must understand if we are making progress.

In 2017 Fairfax County identified 964 individuals sleeping in the woods and other places during the coldest time of the year. The total decrease in the homeless population from 2008 to 2017 is 47%, which represents 871 less people homeless on one night in January 2017 than there were on one night in January 2008.

We know that we may not completely solve the problem at zero individuals, but we need to see if we are working toward the goal of the ten year plan to End Homelessness in Fairfax County by the end of 2018, as we know it.

While we see reductions in our homeless population, we know there is more to do. On Friday, April 5th 2018, Fairfax County broke ground on the renovation of the Baileys homeless shelter. Once completed, this modern facility will provide an innovative approach for housing our homeless residents, and help them transition into permanent housing. It is sorely needed and will provide improved services for the homeless in our community.

The Embury Rucker Shelter that serves the Hunter Mill District was constructed in 1987. Since then, there has been no major renovations. Based on the continuing demand for homeless services, Fairfax County is looking to make significant changes in the way services are delivered. In order to meet modern standards for accessibility and enhanced service delivery, the Embury Rucker shelter will be redeveloped. This will allow for more space, and will tremendously increase the number of individuals we serve.

You might ask, "What will a new Shelter do for all the folks in the woods or on private property in the neighborhoods?" The new shelter will have expanded services to include space for those with mental illness who cannot function in the programed services of the shelter. Hopefully this will reduce the number of persons in the woods and intrusion on private property.

In the meantime, please continue to report homeless individuals intruding on private property and our office will continue to monitor the homeless camps in our woods and work closely with Cornerstones and the police. Our priority is to keep the woods clean, and ensure the safety and health of all residents. This is what we have always done, and will continue to do.

Cathy Hudgins

Now Playing on Channel 16: *Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins*

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April: Fair Housing Act 50th Anniversary. This month's program focuses on 50 years of the Fair Housing Act and its impact on Fairfax County. Watch the program here - [video on demand](#).

Each month, Supervisor Hudgins host a television program on the County's Channel 16, on a variety of important issues and topics in the Hunter Mill District and the County. Broadcast times and days, and video on demand links to the current show are available on the "[Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins](#)" webpage.

Coming in May: Protecting Our Streams and Natural Areas

Teen Job Fair and Resume Building Workshop

Supervisor Hudgins is teaming up with the Reston Chamber of Commerce and Springfield Supervisor Herrity to sponsor the **2018 Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshop**, on **Saturday, April 21**, 11 to 1 pm, at South Lakes High School (11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston).

This free event will focus on student job seekers (approximately age 16 to 18) looking for full time, after school, or seasonal employment, along with internship or volunteer opportunities. Resume building workshops will also be available for younger students looking to begin to build their resume.

[Students sign up here.](#)

Business and organizations have the opportunity to showcase their companies, brand their business, and advertise the positions they have available. There is no cost to participate.

[Businesses sign up here.](#)

For additional information, contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.



Become a Mentor and Change a Life

Volunteer adult mentors are needed for the Department of Family Services' BeFriend-A-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. By connecting at-risk youth with professionally supported, caring adult mentors, BeFriend-A-Child strives to create a community where children feel more confident and motivated to make informed, responsible life choices and become productive, involved members of the community.

Once accepted as a volunteer, mentors will receive training to prepare for various aspects of child development. Mentors then spend at least eight hours each month with their mentee, including group outings. Male applications and bilingual speakers are highly encouraged to apply.

Learn more about [BeFriend-A-Child Mentoring](#) program along with volunteer application. Or, contact Ibrahim Khalil (Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov) at 703-324-4547.

Operation: Stop Scams

Fight by against fraud! Every 2 seconds, a con artist steals someone's identity. To strike back against scammers, AARP Virginia and Fairfax County Government's Silver Shield are bringing together top experts and law enforcement officials to present a free informational Scam Jam, on **Saturday, April 28**, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax).



Presenters will discuss scams targeting Virginians such as fake solicitor schemes, bogus investment deals, lottery scams, email fraud, grandparent ruse, and the latest identity theft scams. Light refreshments and lunch will be served. Registration is required at aarp.cvent.com/OSSFairfax, or call 1-877-926-8300. In addition, a shred truck will be available to shred your documents on-site free of charge. No quantity limit - no plastics or electronics.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout: Saturday, April 28

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on **Saturday, April 28**. Drop off medications at any of the eight Fairfax County District Police Stations, or Town of Vienna and Town of Herndon Police Stations, between 10 am and 2 pm. Items to be collected are unused or expired medications, pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout is a partnership with local businesses in collaboration with the following Fairfax County government departments: Police, Health, Public and Private Partnerships, Neighborhood and Community Services, Public Works and Environmental Services, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. Drug take back program are important because they are a safe method for disposing of prescription drugs and are organized and closely monitored by local, state, and federal government agencies. Safe disposal of unused or expired medications prevents drug abuse and misuse, accidental poisoning, and protects the environment.



Stations in/near Hunter Mill District include:

Reston District Station - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston

Vienna Police Station - 215 Center Street S., Vienna

Fair Oaks District Station - 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax

Herndon Police Station - 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Herndon Police Department provides a safe receptacle for disposal in the front lobby of the police station that may be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Items that are accepted: prescription drugs, patches, samples, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and pet medications.

Volunteer "Victims" Needed for Rescue Exercise

Virginia Task Force 1 (VA-TF1) is holding a full scale exercise and needs volunteers to act as victims in need of rescue. The exercise will take place from the evening of **Monday, April 23 through afternoon of Thursday, April 26**.



A minimum shift of 6 hours is expected - overnight volunteers are especially needed. Volunteers will need to remain awake and be willing to work their entire shift. "Victims" will need to be able to crawl in and out of rubble piles, capable of sitting or lying in place for extended periods of time, and don't mind getting dirty. Moulage (make-up simulating injuries), food and water will be provided.

For additional information or to sign up, contact Christopher Yorty - christopher.yorty@fairfaxcounty.gov

Established in 1986 as a domestic and international disaster response resource, sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, VA-TF1 roster includes approximately 200 specially trained career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel, with expertise in the rescue of victims from collapsed structures, following a natural or man-made catastrophic event.

Girls Academy for Future Firefighters/EMTs

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is excited to announce its Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp, which will take place July 9 – 13, 2018. The Academy is open to female students who will be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident.

Academy participants will take part in a five day program full of fun-filled experiences, physical training, classes and Fire/EMS simulations. They will also have an opportunity to visit a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT. Campers will have a chance to interact, ask questions and eat dinner with the on-duty crew.

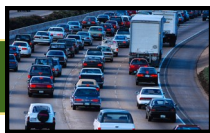
The program is completely free of charge. The Academy will be limited to 24 applicants, so apply today! To apply, please click on the link below and follow the instructions. **All applications must be received by close of business on Friday, April 20, 2018.**

For more information, and to register, please see below.

[Application packet](#)
[Program Flyer](#)



Transportation



VDOT Summer Repaving and Restriping Projects

If you weren't able to attend Virginia Department of Transportation's March meeting on their plans for repaving and restriping projects in the Hunter Mill District, you can [review the presentation](#) and [list of projects](#).



Colvin Run bridge today

Photo:

Hunter Mill Road Bridge Replacement Meeting

Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax Department of Transportation will host a community information meeting to discuss plans to improve safety and operations by replacing the one-lane Hunter Mill Road bridge over Colvin Run with a new two-lane bridge.

The meeting will be on **Monday, April 16**, at Forest Edge Elementary School (1501 Becontree Lane, Reston). Displays on the project will be available for viewing beginning at 6:30 pm, with a presentation beginning at 7 pm. Project staff will be available to answer questions.

You can review the project information and report, and submit your comments on the VDOT website - [Hunter Mill Road over Colvin Run](#).



WOW! Awesome Programs This Month at the Library

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY EVENTS:

703-938-0405

Board in the Library: Friday, April 13, 3:30 pm. Enjoy table top games and learn some new ones. Teens

Storytime with Mayor DeRocco: Saturday, April 14, 10:30 am. Stories, songs and rhymes with Vienna Mayor DiRocco.

Classic Books Discussion Group: Thursday, April 19, 1 pm. Writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy leads discussion. Read *The Stranger* by Albert Camus.

Meet Nongkran Daks - Thai Kitchen: Monday, April 30, 7:30 pm. Talk and demonstration by author/Executive Chef/owner of Thai Basil restaurant. Books available for sale.

FRIENDS BOOK SALE: Saturday, April 28, 10-5, and Sunday, April 29, 10-2. Browse a wide selection of books/items.

RESTON REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENTS:

703-689-2700

Sensory-Friendly Music and Motion: Saturday, April 14, 11 am. Songs, stories and movement designed to engage special kids.

Baby Play & Explore Thursday, April 19, 11 am. Unstructured play and social time for babies, birth-18 months with adult.

Art Splash! for Adults: Saturday, April 14, 2 pm. Create your own masterpiece in this art workshop by Abrakadoodle.

INOVA Blood Drive: Tuesday, April 24, 1:30 pm. Consider donating to help meet our area's blood needs.

How Can Library Staff Can Help You - [Listen to the podcast](#)

FRIENDS BOOK SALE: Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29. Thousands of books in great condition.



Library Comic Con - April 14

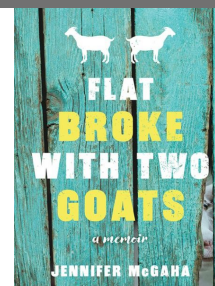
Geek out at the 2nd annual celebration of comic books, science fiction, fantasy, TV, movies and more. Family-friendly costumes encouraged. From 10 am to 3 pm at Marshall High School (7731 Leesburg Pike, Fall Church).

[More](#)

Big Library Read

Join in "The Big Read" international digital book club. Download *Flat Broke with Two Goats* by Jennifer McGaha by April 16th, with no holds or wait list and join the discussion.

[Info and instructions](#)



Visit the [Fairfax County Public Library website](#) for branch, additional programs, information, and registration.

Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

Listed monthly are new applications and those scheduled for public hearings by the Planning Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors this month, with a look-ahead to the next two months. The complete listing of district land use projects will be posted and updated on the Hunter Mill District/land use website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/district-land-use-cases>. In addition, links to the County's Land Development System (LDS) have been included for access to additional documents and information on the specific application. Information on all residential and commercial properties can be accessed through the Department of Tax Administration's [Real Estate Assessment Information Site](#). You can search a property by address or tax map reference numbers. In the applications below, tax map reference numbers are in [brackets]. Addresses have also been included where available.

NEW Applications

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has filed a 2232-Public Facility Review request to replace the Reston Fire Station #25 facility, located at 1820 Wiehle Avenue [Tax Map 017-4 ((5)), Parcel 5].

Reston Town Center has filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment (CSPA 85-C-088) to permit 200 square feet of signage for Building 5 located at 1746 Presidents Street [Tax Map 17-1 ((16)) Parcel 5A].

Applications Approved

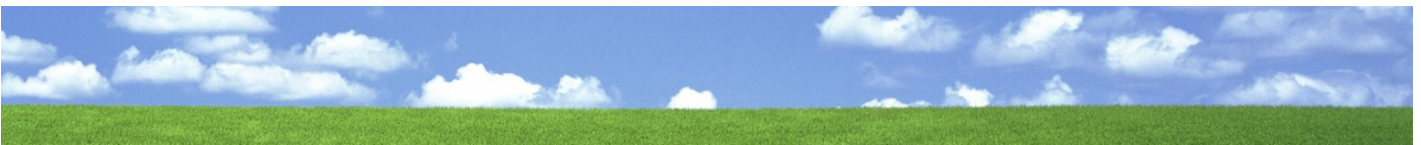
Renaissance Centro 1801, LLC.: Rezoning (RZ 2016-HM-034) and Final Development Plan (FDP 2016-HM-034) to rezone 1801 Old Reston Avenue from Commercial District - C3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). Located on the west side of Old Reston Avenue, south side of Temporary Road and East of Reston Parkway [Tax Map 017-2 ((1)) parcels 20B and 20C]. The rezoning is to replace the existing office building with a 20-story high-rise for-sale condominium containing up to 150 units (consisting of 126 market rate units and 24 workforce dwelling units). **The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval at their February 22, 2018 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their March 20, 2018 meeting.** [Additional information online](#) and at [RZ 2016-HM-034](#)

Excelsior Parc Apartment Owner LLC has filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan CSP 86-C-121-04f for 1900 Oracle Way, Reston [Tax Map 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 7B]. **The Planning Commission approved this application at their March 22, 2018 meeting. This application does not come before the Board of Supervisors.** [Additional information online](#)

CRS Sunset Hills, LC, as the contract-purchaser of Sunset Hills Professional Center, has filed Rezoning/Final Development Plan applications RZ/FDP 2016-HM-035, Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 2009-hm-019) to rezone from an Industrial District -4 to a Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). The site is located south of Sunset Hills Road, immediately north of the Reston Station development and the Wiehle-Reston East Station [Tax Maps 17-4((20A)) Parcels 1-4, 17-4 ((20B)) Parcels 5-8, 17-4 ((20C)), Parcels 9-14, 17-4((20D)) Parcels 15-18, 17-4 ((20E)) Parcels 19-22, 17-4 ((20F)) Parcels 23-26, and 17-4 ((20G)) Parcels 27-30]. The proposed rezoning is to replace the existing office condominiums with approximately 500 residential units (including workforce housing), 91,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, and 178,000 square feet of either office uses or a full-service hotel, for a total of 761,00 square feet of 3.13 effective Floor Area Ratio (FAR), excluding 16% workforce housing. **On April 5, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at the April 10, 2018 meeting.** [Additional information online](#)

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC has filed Proffer Condition Amendments (PCA 2009-HM-019-2) and Conceptual / Final Development Plans (CDPA/FDPA 2009-HM-019) applications for 1886 Metro Center Drive, [Tax Map 17-4 ((24)) Parcel 3, 17-4 ((1)) Parcels 17A, 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L2 and 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L3] to permit an increase in the maximum building heights of three (3) of the eight (8) approved buildings together with a corresponding increase in the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of the project. is also seeking to facilitate the transfer of any already-entitled hotel use in order to respond to market demand, and to retain the option of adding a second hotel concept to the Project in a later phase of development. **On April 5, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at the April 10, 2018 meeting.**[Additional information online](#) and [CDPA 2006-HM 019](#) and [PCA 2009-HM-01902](#)

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Applications Scheduled: April - June (The staff report is posted 2 weeks prior to the Planning Commission hearing.)

JBG/1831 Wiehle LLC, EYA Development LLC and The Chevy Chase Land Company of Montgomery County, MD have filed Rezoning and Final Development Plans (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-024) for 1831 & 1860 Wiehle Avenue and 1840 & 1860 Michael Faraday Drive to permit a mixed-use, transit oriented development in the Wiehle-Reston Transit Station Area. The four parcels are located at [Tax Map: 17-4((18)) Parcels 1A and 1B and 17-4 ((18)) 2B and 3]. The existing office buildings will be replaced with approximately 1,688,000 square feet of development consisting of 840 multi-family units, 60 single-family attached residential units, 130 independent living units, 205,917 square feet of office space and 260,945 square feet of ground floor retail. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 8:15 pm.** [Additional information online](#) and at [FDP 2016-HM-024](#)

FR Pike 7 Limited Partnership has filed for a waiver (SE 2017-HM-031) of certain sign regulations for properties located at 8361, 8365, 8371 and 8399 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia [Tax Map 29-3 ((1)), Parcels 36A1, 36B, 36C and 36D] to replace signs on Leesburg Pike. The signs will be reduced in size and moved to a more visible location on the property. **The Planning Commission recommended approval at their March 22, 2018 meeting. The Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for May 1, 2018.** [Additional information online](#)

TH Holding Company LLC has filed a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 79-C-090-02 and PCA 91-H-001, Rezoning Application (RZ 2017-HM-019) and Special Exception (SE 2017-HM-016 for a Suite-style hotel at 1741 Business Center Drive (Lake Fairfax Business Park) Reston, [Tax Map 018-3 ((10)), Parcel A1]. The property is located north of Sunset Hills Road and west of Business Center Drive. The PCAs and RZ application are needed to remove the property from the Lake Fairfax Business Park approvals and allow development of the existing surface parking lot on the property into an approximately 98,500 square foot twenty-four hour suite-style hotel to its own set of independent proffers. The Special Exceptions will permit the hotel and increase the permitted Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from .50 to .67 (within the allowable range of up to .70). **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for May 1, 2018, at 4:30 pm.** [Additional information online](#) and [PCA 7-C-090-02](#) and [RZ 2017-HM-019](#) and [SE 2017-HM-016](#)

Tysons West Residential, LLC has filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment CSPA 2011-HM-032-02 for 8595 Leesburg Pike and 8604 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna, [Tax Map 29-3 ((24)) Parcels 5 and 6]. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm.** [Additional information online](#)

CoreSite Real Estate Sunrise Technology Park LLC has filed Rezoning (RZ 2017-HM-032) and Special Exception (SE 2017-HM-030) applications to reclassify the properties located at 12369A, 12343 and 12379 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston from Industrial 4 District to an Industrial 5 District and increase the floor area ratio from 0.5 to 1.0. The Applicant is proposing to adaptively reuse this aging and underutilized office park with a revitalization effort as a state-of-the-art Data Center. (Tax Map 17-3 ((1)) Parcels 17B, 23 and 32) The proposed Data Center will be linked by high-quality fiber to CoreSite's existing Data Center on the north side of Sunrise Valley Drive. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm.** [Additional information online](#) and [RZ 2017-HM-032](#)

RP 11111 Sunset Hills Road, RZ 2017-HM-006, FDP 2017-HM-006, [Tax Map 18-3 ((06)) Parcel 8] to rezone from Industrial 4 District (I-4) to Planned District Commercial (PDC) for a mixed-use development to include the construction of up to 175 multi-family units and 13 townhouses, while retaining the existing office building, and an extension of Reston Station Boulevard to Sunset Hills. The parcel is located on the south side of Sunset Hills Drive, approximately 980 feet east of its intersection with Michael Faraday Drive. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm.** [Additional information online](#) and [FDP2017-HM-006](#)

American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association has filed Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA 78-C-098-04) and Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 78-C-098-05) to replace the existing three-story office building with two three-story campus-style office buildings at 1850 Old Reston Avenue, [Tax Map 17-4 ((1)), Parcel 1]. The property is located on the west side of Old Reston Avenue, north side of W&OD trail, and south of Temporary Road. The existing historic A. Smith Bowman House listed on Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites will not be disturbed, as well as the pond and gazebo being preserved. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm.**

Pulte Homes Corporation has filed Rezoning and Final Development Plan (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-031) concurrent with Proffer Condition Amendments PCA 83-C-069-02 and PCA 80-C-086-02 to rezone the property at 12700 Sunrise Valley Drive, [Tax Map 14-4 ((26)) Parcel 1, 16-4 ((1)) Parcel 16B and 16-4 ((26)) 2], currently known as Reston Arboretum, from Industrial 4 and 5 Districts to Planned Development Commercial (PDC) to permit office and residential uses; Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 80-C-086-02 / PCA 83-C-069-02) to delete land area from the Industrial District 5. The Applicant proposes to construct forty-four (44) single family attached dwelling units and a parking garage. The existing building on the property will remain. **The Planning Commission**

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Land Use continued -

public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm. [Additional information online](#) and [RZ 2016-HM-031](#) and [PCA 80-C-086-02](#) and [PCA 83-C-069-02](#)

Applications Accepted: (to be scheduled)

- **1900-02 Campus Commons, LLC:** residential and retail, at the corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and Campus Commons Drive.
- **JBG/Reston Executive Center, LLC:** residential, office and retail, at 12100-12120 Sunset Hill Road.
- **One Reston Co. LLC and Two Reston Co. LLC:** planned commercial development at 12000 & 12010 Sunrise Valley Drive.
- **Virginia Electric and Power Company:** electric substation in Tysons
- **Inova Health Care Services and Board of Supervisors:** Reston Town Center North improvements
- **Boston Properties LLC:** mixed use development at Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway
- **Reston Crossing:** mixed use project at 2001 Edmund Halley Drive.
- **David W. McKinnon:** rezoning residential for four lots, at 9433 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna.

Details on these applications and complete listing of all [HUNTER MILL DISTRICT LAND USE CASES](#) are online

Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee

There will be no meeting in the month of April. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**, 7:30 pm, North County Governmental Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston). For information, contact [Goldie Harrison](#), 703-478-0283.

Reston Planning and Zoning Committee

The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm, at the North County Governmental Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston). For additional information, visit <http://rpz.korchy.com>.

Grass Height: Do You Know the Rules?

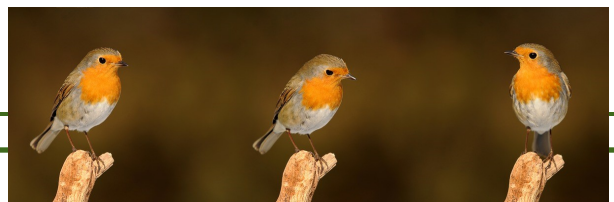
Now that spring is really here, Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance is gearing up to help with grass height complaints and concerns. Here's a rundown on the County rules for grass height:

Residential: Grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any developed residential lots (vacant or occupied) that are one-half acre (21,780 sq. ft.) or less. This also applies to undeveloped residential property, which is less than one-half acre and which is located in a recorded subdivision where 90% of the lots have been developed. Grass height is not regulated for properties that are larger than one-half acre.

Commercial/Industrial: While some exemptions may apply, grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any vacant developed commercial/industrial property.

Along Roads and in Medians: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for cutting tall grass along roads or in medians on state maintained roads. To make a complaint call, 1-800-367-7623.

To report a possible violation (beginning April 15) or for more information, contact the [Department of Code Compliance](#) online, or at 703-324-1300.



Future of Lake Accotink Community Meeting

The Park Authority will hold a community meeting on **Monday, April 30**, to discuss options for the future management of Lake Accotink. The meeting will be held at Lake Braddock Secondary School (9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke) from 7 to 8:30 pm. Since Lake Accotink was created in 1940, the increasing flow of sediment from upstream has complicated management of the lake. Changes in regulatory standards have impacted the options available to address removal of sediment, drastically impacting the cost of the procedure. A study of a variety of ways to address the issue includes allowing the lake to fill in, continue dredging, smaller yearly dredges, modifying the dam to create a single stream and smaller lake. Details at [Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision](#).

Emerald Ash Borer and Ash Trees in Common Areas

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an introduced invasive insect that has wiped out ash trees in more than 30 states including Virginia where there are unlikely to be many remaining, healthy ash trees. When an ash tree is attacked by EAB, it will almost certainly die if nothing is done to protect it.



Emerald Ash Borer

However after many years of research and effort, several options are available to help protect the remaining ash trees from emerald ash borer. Some of the best management practices include injecting pesticides and utilizing biological control, which is the process of releasing predators to help control an invasive species' population. Pesticides are recommended for individual yard or street trees which still have 30-50 percent of their canopy in-tact. Biological control is best suited for groups of living ash trees in natural or forested sites. Trees that are dead or dying will not respond to treatment of any kind.

Most recently, Fairfax County Urban Foresters have released parasitoids*, a type of biological control of the emerald ash borer, in publicly owned forests in the county. There is an opportunity for civic or homeowner associations with groups of ash trees in forested common areas to potentially release parasitoids as well. Urban Foresters are asking that these groups that have ash trees within forests on their property contact the Urban Forest Management Division to discuss potential options. County urban foresters cannot be directly involved in ash treatment or parasitoid release but are available for presentations and to give advice.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDoF) has also recently adopted an EAB cost share program. Interested parties may apply for up to 50 percent assistance for pesticide treatment costs (up to a certain amount). The form to apply is located on the VDoF website under Forest Health, form 6.5: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm>. Additional questions on the EAB cost share can be directed to the state EAB coordinator, Meredith Bean (Meredith.Bean@dof.virginia.gov).

More information on pesticide treatment or other management options for residents can be found here: <https://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/emerald-ash-borer-homeowner-management-options> or at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/forest-pest>. For additional information or to schedule a presentation to your civic group, please contact the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770 TTY 711 or pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

*All parasitoids were produced and supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) EAB Parasitoid Rearing Facility in Brighton, MI. For parasitoid information call 866-322-4512.



Emerald ash borer parasitoids released in Fairfax County

Park Authority Urban Forester penned "**Trees, Trees, Everywhere**" in the Park Authority's [Our Stories and Perspectives](#) blog, sharing excellent information on dealing with storm damage and tree concerns. Check it out!



Photo: TREE OF HEAVEN
Doug Goldman, hosted by USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database

TREE ALERT: Tree of Heaven Search

As Virginia Tech writes, "A potentially very serious pest of grapes, peaches, hops, and a variety of other crops, the **spotted lanternfly** (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, was detected in Frederick County, Virginia, on Jan. 10, 2018." This year the Forest Pest Management Branch of the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division will be tracking the Spotted Lanternfly to determine if it is present locally.

To accomplish this, monitoring bands will be placed on Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) since the spotted lanternfly has a strong preference for this tree.

Currently, the Urban Forest Management Division is looking for areas with trees that are at least 4 in diameter breast height (dbh) and are in groups of at least three. If you know of sites in Fairfax County with a good number of tree of heavens, please contact Joan Martinez Allen, Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-5541.

Parks

Nominate Our Parks for *Meet Me at the Park* Grant

The Fairfax County Park Authority and Park Foundation invite you to vote for Fairfax County parks in the National Recreation and Park Association's "Meet Me at the Park" Earth Month Campaign. The locale that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park.



For the fourth year, the NRPA is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company - including Disney/ABC Television Group and ESPN - to help fund local park improvement projects across the country. Everyone who submits a nomination will be entered into the drawing for a GoPro Prize Pack.

Visit www.meetmeatthepark.org and nominate **Fairfax, VA**. Your nomination must be submitted by 11:59 pm ET on April 30, 2018. No purchase necessary to participate.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

Elly Doyle
PARK SERVICE AWARDS

Honor an Outstanding Park Volunteer with an Elly Doyle Nomination

Volunteers play a critical role at the Park Authority, and now is the time to recognize their invaluable contributions with a nomination for a 2018 Elly Doyle Park Service Award. Everyone is invited to submit nominations to honor the outstanding volunteers and numerous organizations that support park programming and initiatives.

Groups and individuals are eligible. A reception and ceremony will be held in November to honor the award recipients. All nominations are due by Friday, June 18, 2018. Award application and information is at [Elly Doyle page](#), or call 703-324-8662.

Historic Ash Grove House Seeks Resident Curator

The Park Authority is accepting applications for the rehabilitation and long-term maintenance of the historic Ash Grove House located at 8881 Ashgrove House Lane in Vienna. The Resident Curator Program provides the unique opportunity for individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations to secure long-term lease agreements in beautiful public park settings. The curator leases are without charge in exchange for financial commitment and approved rehabilitation of the underutilized historic properties. Learn about the Ash Grove opportunity and tour the house and grounds at an open house on **Saturday, April 21**, from 10 am to 3 pm. [Learn more about the Resident Curator Program.](#)



Historic Ash Grove - Park Authority photo

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

Farmers Markets

OPENING MID-APRIL AT SELECT LOCATIONS

Fairfax County's Farmers Markets will soon be open for business! The producer-only markets provide access to locally grown foods. Check the [Farmers Market site](#) for details on your favorite market, vendors, hours, and special offerings.

Opening in April are

Thursday, April 19 - Herndon (700 block of Lynne Street)
Saturday, April 21 - Reston (Lake Anne Village Center)

First week in May openings are:

Wednesday, May 2 - Oak Marr (3200 Jermantown Road)
Thursday, May 3 - Fairfax Government Center
Friday, May 4 - McLean (1659 Chain Bridge Road)

Get Paid to Play This Summer

The Park Authority is loaded up with opportunities for summer employment. Like to fish, kayak or paddleboard? Or, explore nature and history? How about golf, fitness or dramatics? And don't forget all the available positions at the 45 [Rec-PAC](#) programs (open hire dates coming in May). Also available are park maintenance positions. Explore [Jobs and Internships](#) for listing of opportunities and application information.



Congratulations!!

Hannah Waller, sophomore at **South Lakes High School**, was named the Washington Post Winter All-Met Player of the Year in Indoor Track. Sprinter Hannah won the Virginia state title in the 300, tied a facility record in the 50, and posted one of the best times in the nation, along with collecting regional and district championships.

McNair Elementary School Chess Team cleaned up again at this year's Virginia Scholastic Chess championships. McNair players won the state team title in K-3 and K-5 categories. **Amav Gupta** won the individual K-5 competition. McNair's K-5 team also won the team blitz competition. McNair teams are repeat winners having taken the championship last year in the K-3, K-5 team and blitz competitions.

Mark Gjormand, head baseball coach at **James Madison High School**, hit a milestone out of the park with his 400th victory as coach, an accomplishment made by only 5 other Northern Virginia public school coaches. Mark has no intention of being benched, so we look forward to his 500th!



Local Olympian Visits Home

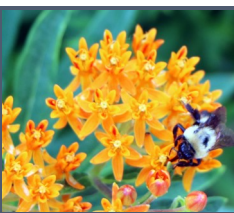
Maame Biney, our homegrown Olympic athlete, recently paid a visit to her alma mater, Terraset Elementary School in Reston. The short-track speed skater and South Lakes High School student returned to her school and met with the students and teachers to share her experience in the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. She is the first U.S. African American female speed skater to qualify for the Olympics.

(photos: Fairfax County Public Schools)



Garden Workshop Series: Fruit Trees & Berry Bushes

This month's workshop focuses on fruit trees, berry bushes, and edible landscaping at a walking tour of Suters Glen Permaculture Homestead. Three sessions will be held: **Saturday, April 21** at 1:30, at 3:30, and **Sunday, April 22** at 2:30. (Please register by April 19.) This series is sponsored by the Fairfax Food Council's Urban Agriculture Work Group, in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. [Information and registration.](#)

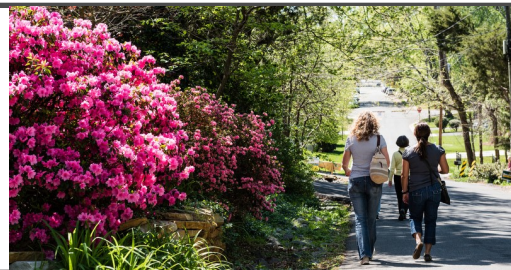


Native Plant Sale: Saturday, April 21

The Town of Vienna Community Enhancement Commission will host a Native Plant Sale, from 8 am -1 pm, **Saturday, April 21**, in the parking lot of Vienna Community Center (120 Cherry Street SE). Plants include flowering perennials, native shrubs and small trees. Native plants attract birds, bees, and butterflies, all of which are beneficial to the home landscape. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted at the sale.

Walk on the Hill and Green Expo

The 44th annual Walk on the Hill, Vienna's loveliest event, will take place from 2-5 pm on **Sunday, April 29th**, rain or shine. At the Walk, residents of Windover Heights Historic District open their yards and gardens for all to enjoy. In addition to the Walk, come and enjoy musical performances, flower show, architectural and historical tour, native plants areas, and refreshments. The Green Expo features displays and information on achieving a greener lifestyle. [More information.](#)



Document Shredding Events

Fairfax's Solid Waste Management Programs sponsors monthly document shredding events where you can shred up to 4 boxes of your sensitive documents for free. Events are on Saturdays, from 8 am to noon. Upcoming events are

April 28 - Mason Government Center (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale)

May 19 - North County Human Services (1805 Cameron Glen Dr, Reston)

[More information and guidelines](#)

Break a Sweat for a Homeless Pet
6k Run/Walk
May 6, 2018



Break A Sweat For a Homeless Pet 6K Run/Walk

Sunday, May 6, beginning at 9 am, at Lake Accotink Park, Springfield

This 6K run/walk is to benefit the Friends of the Fairfax Animal Shelter. The Friends group provides emergency medical care, behavior training, parasite prevention, dental care, spay/neuter, and more to ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home. Learn more at [Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.](#)

Coming in June - **Wine, Whiskers and Wags** at Paradise Springs Winery.